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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PARSONAGE ET AL.

Examiner

Isaac N. Hamilton

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01/30/06.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 49 and 51-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 50 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 49 and 51-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/216,361.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Objections to the abstract are hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Rejections made under 35 USC 112 are hereby withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 49 and 50-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanahashi et al (5,398,412), hereafter Tanahashi, in view of Braun et al (3,768,348), hereafter Braun. Tanahashi discloses first shaving unit 10; first outer cutter 20; first under cutter 21; frame 11; skin agitation member 30; housing 5; drive source 80; additional shaving unit is the other shaving unit in figure 3, which has the same element numbers as the first shaving unit; the skin agitation member is adjacent the first shaving unit as shown in figure 3; the outer cutters are inactive because they are stationary; movable shaving unit in column 8, lines 1-8; shaving unit floatably mounted in column 1, lines 49-53; driven at same frequency in column 4, lines 28-32; outer cutters are stationary and inactive; skin engaging surfaces are the outer surfaces of outer cutters and are coplanar as seen in figure 3. Tanahashi discloses everything as noted above, but does not disclose the second frequency lower than first frequency, gearing, first undercutter eccentric pin, drive coupling skin agitation member eccentric pin, drive coupling, gearbox, first

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drive shaft, first gear means, first eccentric camming element, second drive shaft, second gear means, second eccentric camming element, first follower means and second follower means.

However, Braun teaches second frequency lower than first frequency in column 5, lines 4-16; outer cutter 71; gearing 2; first undercutter eccentric pin 30 and drive coupling 3, 40, 41, 42; skin agitation member eccentric pin 80 and drive coupling 8, 91, 92; gearbox is the area adjacent to elements 23, 24, 20, 21; first drive shaft 22; first gear means 24; first eccentric camming element 30; second drive shaft 25; second gear means 23; second eccentric camming element 80; first follower means 3; second follower means 8. It would have been obvious to provide the elements above in Tanahashi as taught by Braun in order to vary the length of the rough shave. Note column 1, line 67. Also note that the third drive shaft, third gear means, third eccentric camming element and third follower means are identical to the first drive shaft, first gear means, first eccentric camming element and first follower means due to the symmetry of the apparatus in Tanahashi.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 49, 51-67 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO**

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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac Hamilton whose telephone number is 571-272-4509. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm.

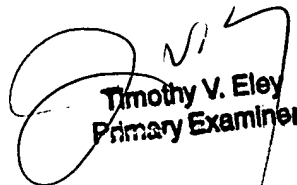
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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